

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
201 HOWELL AVENUE  
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601**

**MINUTES**

**June 2, 2014**

**7:00 P.M.**

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Kevin Hohn, Vice-Mayor Frankie Burnett, Council Members Joe Bernardini and Lara Bradburn. Also present were Clifford Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works; Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief and George Turner, Police Chief. A reporter from the Hernando Times was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Hohn followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation - Mary Elizabeth Preston Day**

Presentation of a proclamation designating June 4, 2014, as Mary Elizabeth Preston Day.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Mayor Hohn to be presented to Ms. Preston at an event in her honor. Ms. Preston has dedicated her life to public service. She has lived in Brooksville since 2001 while continued her volunteer work.

**2014 Hurricane Season Update**

Advisory presentation regarding predictions and preparations for the 2014 hurricane season.

Cecelia Patella, Emergency Management Director for the Hernando County Sheriff's Department, updated Council on the projected 2014 hurricane season as compared to the 2013 season.

She advised the annual tax-free event started Saturday and will last through June 9<sup>th</sup> to purchase storm readiness materials.

**Proclamation - Code Enforcement Officers' Week**

Presentation of a proclamation designating June 1 - 7, 2014, as Code Enforcement Officers' Week.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Mayor Hohn and presented to Mark Caskie, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Brooksville.

**Emergency Communications 800 MHz Radio Upgrade**

Presentation of upcoming required upgrades to Emergency Communications System.

Chief Bill Kicklighter of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office reviewed the critical P25 Upgrade Project for the Emergency Communications 800 MHz Radio System.

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Council Member Johnston pointed out that Public Works is not included on the system. City Manager Norman-Vacha, referencing the size of City, advised that they are able to utilize phones.

Council Member Bradburn asked if the money allocated by the Legislature is just for state agencies, or would the City have access at some point. Chief Kicklighter said staff is active in groups offering funding and continue to express our needs. Council Member Bradburn asked him to keep Council updated on that, as well as the federal access.

Council Member Bernardini and Chief Kicklighter discussed available channels and security.

Chief Kicklighter stated that communication between the Hernando County Sheriff's Office and City staff is phenomenal, which he appreciated.

### CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Pat Miketinac spoke on the red light camera issue and the City's process for changing the charter.

Shirley Miketinac, referencing red light cameras, spoke about the collection of signatures for a proposed referendum.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Minutes

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| a. February 26, 2013  | Financial Workshop |
| b. May 21, 2013       | Workshop           |
| c. September 11, 2013 | 1st Budget Hearing |
| d. September 16, 2013 | Regular Meeting    |

#### Police Department Vehicle Replacement

Consideration to surplus and replace vehicle involved in a motor vehicle crash and approval of appropriate budget amendment.

#### Motion:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Burnett and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### Audited Financial Statements

Review and acceptance of Annual Audit for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2013.

Mike Carter and Sonja Holland of Clifton Larson Allen, LLP presented the 2013 audit, providing a summarized version of the audit.

Mr. Carter explained the different parts of the audit. Ms. Holland reviewed the numbers.

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Mr. Carter relayed control deficiencies and recommendations, as well as the Management Letter with best practices recommendations and required governance communication. He added that the General Fund has about 2.5 months in reserves, and the general health of the city is good.

Mr. Carter reviewed accounting statement number 54, regarding fund balance, which states special revenue funding needs to come from restricted or committed revenues. Restricted funding is usually restricted by an outside party; a statute or agreement. Committed revenue is something the Council would commit. If the fund balance is assigned with no other restriction it cannot be a special revenue fund. The Good Neighbor Trail Project, Major Storm Readiness and Tree and Streetscaping Funds were moved back into the General Fund for this reason.

They thanked the City Manager and staff for their assistance.

Mayor Hohn commended them on a thorough audit.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Bradburn for acceptance of the audit for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2013. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Mosquito Control MSTU**

Discussion of available City options for Mosquito Control Services.

City Attorney Cliff Taylor reviewed special districts as required by Florida Statutes Chapter 388.

Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works, reviewed a presentation of the types of mosquitoes in Florida and their life cycle, as well the diseases caused by them and options for addressing the problem.

Mayor Hohn pointed out that the County may be leaning toward paying for the services out of the General Fund.

Council Member Bradburn suggested our legal counsel ask the courts to decide about the 30-year 1988 referendum voted for by the citizens which the county claims was negated by mosquito control vote. She said Council is responsible to ask the courts to remedy this situation. She doesn't think mosquito control can be discussed without first addressing the legality of nullifying a public referendum that our citizens supported. Due to expense and required experience, she stated she would not endorse creating a new department to provide these mosquito services. City Attorney Taylor advised a motion for judicial review could be filed within two weeks, but it would probably take a year for it to be heard. Lengthy depositions will slow it down further.

Council consensus was for the Mayor to meet with the County for a solution to mosquito control, feeling it to be a County function.

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## CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Hohn called for citizen input.

Kojack Burnett commended Council on their mosquito discussion and thanked the City Manager and staff on their work.

## ITEMS BY COUNCIL

### Lara Bradburn, Council Member

Council Member Bradburn wished the City Manager a belated happy birthday.

#### TECO

Referencing Correspondence-to-Note, Council Member Bradburn wants to ensure a full list of gathering places is provided.

#### Zollar Street

She asked for an update on the foreclosed properties, especially the burned house. Neighbors are expressing concern. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised Zollar Street properties are being addressed and Council Member Bradburn can visit with her about the details.

### Frankie Burnett, Vice-Mayor

Vice-Mayor Burnett wished his brother Kojack Burnett a happy birthday, and wished all a Happy Father's Day. He commended staff on their work.

### Kevin Hohn, Mayor

#### Golf Tournament

Mayor Hohn advised the Jerome Brown Scholarship Fund is hosting a golf tournament at Southern Hills next Saturday.

He wished Happy Birthday to Police Chief Turner.

### T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

#### Hernando Progress Invitation

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised they are putting together a governmental community summit on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and have requested participation from City Counsel, County Commission and the school board.

### Joseph E. Johnston, III, Council Member

Council Member Johnston reminded everyone that Wednesday is recycling day.

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Cliff Taylor, City Attorney

Amendment to Charter

Attorney Taylor advised that the number of signatures have been certified by the Elections Supervisor. The City now needs to determine the legal sufficiency of the petitions themselves. He requested a special meeting so action can be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk